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SUBJECT: PNP YOUTH ORGANIZATION REAFFIRMS ITS POSITION IN THE WAKE OF THE PARTY'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

REF: A. KINGSTON 4646, B. KINGSTON 5467

1. IN A STATEMENT RELEASED ON SEPTEMBER 12, THE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY (PNP) YOUTH ORGANIZATION HAS "DECLARED ITS FULL AND UNRESERVED SUPPORT" OF THE ORGANIZATION'S LEFT-LEANING POSITION PAPER FOR 1977-78.

2. YOUTH ORGANIZATION CHAIRMAN PAUL BURKE SIGNED THE STATEMENT WHICH STRESSED THE ORGANIZATION'S ROLE AS A VANGUARD OF THE PARTY PROVIDING VITAL POLICY INPUTS TO THE WHOLE OF THE PNP. THE STATEMENT HARSHLY CRITIZED THE DAILY GLEANER FOR PORTRAYING THE YOUTH WING AS ESTRANGED FROM ITS PARENT ORGANIZATION, THE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY. THE GLEANER AND JAMAICA'S LEADING PRIVATE ENTERPRISE ORGANIZATION WERE CONDEMNED FOR CONFUSING THE PUBLIC AND ENCOURAGING THE PARTY AT LARGE TO REPUDIATE THE LEFTIST PRINCIPLES OF THE YOUTH ORGANIZATION'S POSITION PAPER.

3. COMMENT: THE PURPOSE OF THE YOUTH WING'S CONFIDENTIAL.

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STATEMENT PROBABLY WAS TWOFOLD: (1) TO MAKE CLEAR THAT RADICALS OF THE PNP HAVE NOT CHANGED THEIR VIEWS--REGARDLESS OF THE MODERATES "VICTORY" AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE, AND (2) TO REFUTE THE POSSIBLE VIEWPOINT THAT THE YOUTH ORGANIZATION, WITH ITS RADICAL TENDENCIES, MIGHT HAVE BEEN SILENCED BY THAT SAME "VICTORY." THE YOUTH ORGANIZATION'S SRESTATEMENT OF ITS STATEMENT IS IN FACT

ANOTHER INDICATION OF THE RADICALS' CONCERN FOR THE
EROSION OF THEIR INFLUENCE WITHIN THE PNP AND GOVERNMENT.
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